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We had a [redacted] mild day in the office -- no instructions from Washington, no quarrels with anybody -- while the battle over Marshal Juin rages in the NATO Council, which finally issued a communiqué rebuking him.

I had lunch at the Travellers with John Hughes and he told me what had happened [redacted] in the Council. The French Cabinet has not yet accepted any responsibi[redacted] for Juin's continuance or dismissal from his NATO position.

Jim Farley, who was passing through Paris, telephoned me this afternoon but we could not arrange to meet.

Tonight we dined at the Chambers' under [redacted] agreeable circumstances. I had a long talk with Pug Ismay regarding the Juin episode and the importance he attaches to upholding the dignity of the Council. As a military man himself, he finds the Marshal's conduct quite shocking, especially his having, as a NATO employee, announced he would not retire unless he were replaced by another French officer.

At his press conference today, General de Gaulle sang his old refrain -- independence for France, no EDC, the U. S. cannot make a reappraisal of its European policy that would affect its relationship with France because of the geographic, cultural, and physical strength of the latter, France should serve as a mediator between the two giants, Marshal Juin has been wronged, and when he, de Gaulle, was President he was the State and there was no foolishness about disobeying his orders.

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